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Schumer Report: Upstate New Yorkers Are Paying IRS 21.6 Million In Electronic Filing Fees

With online tax filing fast becoming the easiest way for people to pay their taxes online, U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer today released a new report that reveals how much the IRS online filing fee, which eases the financial burden on them instead of the taxpayer, is costing Upstate New Yorkers. For the IRS, there are enormous cost savings from e-filing. While processing each paper return costs \$2.65, an e-filed return costs only \$0.29. In Upstate New York, 3.7 million people will file taxes this year and 1.5 million will file online. The e-filing fee will cost taxpayers 21.6 million dollars while saving the IRS more than 5 million.

The information in this report comes from the Internal Revenue Service.

The IRS fee will cost the **200,106 Capital Region** taxpayers who filed online **\$2,782,174** while saving the IRS **\$652,181**.

County	Total Returns	Total E-Files	Percentage	Cost	Savings for IRS
Albany	133,378	54,167	41%	\$753,111	\$186,938
Fulton	22,394	10,511	47%	\$146,140	\$28,044
Montgomery	27,208	12,867	47%	\$178,896	\$33,845
Rensselaer	73,606	31,841	43%	\$442,701	\$98,565
Saratoga	100,220	42,082	42%	\$585,087	\$137,206
Schenectady	79,316	30,817	39%	\$428,464	\$114,458
Schoharie	12,888	5,196	40%	\$72,243	\$18,153
Washington	27,444	12,625	46%	\$175,532	\$34,973
Capital Region Total	476,454	200,106	42%	\$2,782,174	\$652,181

The IRS fee will cost the **192,975 Central New York** taxpayers who filed online **\$2,683,028** while saving the IRS **\$523,488**.

County	Total Returns	Total E-Files	Percentage	Cost	Savings for IRS
Onondaga	210,367	98,079	47%	\$1,363,641	\$265,000
Oswego	53,160	28,499	54%	\$396,236	\$58,200
Cortland	19,978	9,835	49%	\$136,741	\$23,937
Madison	28,960	13,309	46%	\$185,042	\$36,936
Oneida	102,327	43,253	42%	\$601,368	\$139,415
Central New York Total	\$414,792	192,975	47%	\$2,683,028	\$523,488

The IRS fee will cost the **258,092 Finger Lakes Region** taxpayers who filed online **\$3,588,382** while saving the IRS **\$719,193**.

County	Total Returns	Total E-Files	Percentage	Cost	Savings for IRS
Monroe	337,519	153,876	46%	\$2,139,415	\$433,397
Cayuga	32,707	16,189	49%	\$225,084	\$38,982
Livingston	28,017	13,305	47%	\$184,986	\$34,720
Ontario	47,115	20,837	44%	\$289,707	\$62,016
Schuyler	8,357	4,008	48%	\$55,725	\$10,264
Seneca	13,848	6,791	49%	\$94,419	\$16,655
Tompkins	40,555	16,827	41%	\$233,954	\$55,998
Wayne	43,920	22,069	50%	\$306,836	\$51,568
Yates	10,797	4,190	39%	\$58,256	\$15,593
Finger Lakes Total	562,835	258,092	46%	\$3,588,382	\$719,193

The IRS fee will cost the **357,612 Hudson Valley** taxpayers who filed online **\$4,972,058** while saving the IRS **\$1,660,543**.

County	Total Returns	Total E-Files	Percentage	Cost	Savings for IRS
Westchester	433,934	119,996	28%	\$1,668,364	\$740,894
Orange	156,811	65,693	42%	\$913,363	\$215,038
Columbia	28,175	9,679	34%	\$134,572	\$43,651
Dutchess	129,994	51,338	39%	\$713,778	\$185,628
Greene	21,077	8,488	40%	\$118,013	\$29,710
Putnam	45,148	12,794	28%	\$177,881	\$76,355
Rockland	131,448	39,024	30%	\$542,570	\$218,121
Sullivan	33,506	16,571	49%	\$230,395	\$39,967
Ulster	81,139	34,029	42%	\$473,122	\$111,180
Hudson Valley Total	1,061,232	357,612	34%	\$4,972,058	\$1,660,543

The IRS fee will cost the **107,587 North Country** taxpayers who filed online **\$1,495,836** while saving the IRS **\$300,482**.

County	Total Returns	Total E-Files	Percentage	Cost	Savings for IRS
Clinton	36,399	15,437	42%	\$214,628	\$49,470
St. Lawrence	41,967	19,394	46%	\$269,644	\$53,272
Warren	32,062	12,919	40%	\$179,619	\$45,177
Essex	15,310	5,610	37%	\$77,999	\$22,892
Franklin	20,498	8,255	40%	\$114,773	\$28,893
Hamilton	2,424	803	33%	\$11,165	\$3,826
Herkimer	26,800	11,891	44%	\$165,327	\$35,185
Jefferson	48,804	28,590	59%	\$397,501	\$47,705
Lewis	10,646	4,688	44%	\$65,180	\$14,061
North Country Total	234,910	107,587	46%	\$1,495,836	\$300,482

The IRS fee will cost the **133,197 Southern Tier** taxpayers who filed online **\$1,851,904** while saving the IRS **\$339,668**.

County	Total Returns	Total E-Files	Percentage	Cost	Savings for IRS
Broome	90,652	44,970	50%	\$625,240	\$107,810
Allegany	18,304	8,622	47%	\$119,876	\$22,850
Chemung	37,241	18,988	51%	\$264,000	\$43,077
Chenango	22,909	10,734	47%	\$149,240	\$28,733
Delaware	18,630	8,221	44%	\$114,301	\$24,565
Otsego	25,069	9,634	38%	\$133,946	\$36,427
Steuben	41,576	19,792	48%	\$275,178	\$51,410
Tioga	22,743	12,236	54%	\$170,123	\$24,797
Southern Tier Total	277,124	133,197	48%	\$1,851,904	\$339,668

The IRS fee will cost the **307,730 Western New York** taxpayers who filed online **\$4,278,524** while saving the IRS **\$863,333**.

County	Total Returns	Total E-Files	Percentage	Cost	Savings for IRS
Erie	417,642	190,300	46%	\$2,645,836	\$536,527
Genesee	27,883	12,309	44%	\$171,138	\$36,755
Niagara	99,039	43,769	44%	\$608,542	\$130,437
Orleans	17,707	8,600	49%	\$119,570	\$21,493
Wyoming	17,825	7,686	43%	\$106,862	\$23,928
Cattaraugus	35,653	19,041	53%	\$264,737	\$39,204
Chautauqua	57,800	26,025	45%	\$361,839	\$74,989
Western NY Total	673,549	307,730	46%	\$4,278,524	\$863,333